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GI Brainwash Still Red China Horror

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Little bubbles are rising in the red sea of propaganda which indicate under-surface pressure for admission of Communist China to the United Nations. Before the mess boils up and blinds us with a cloud of scalding steam, let's look with a cool, clear eye on what's gone before.

Five years ago, Edward Hunter, a veteran American correspondent in the Far East, introduced a new word and a new book. It was "Brainwashing in Red China" and he described for the first time the frightening new techniques and effects of organized mind perversion of individuals by Communist governments. It was almost too horrible to be believed.

However, about this time, a few people began to escape from the now all-Red China, conquered utterly in 1949, and with them came confirmation of the sinister practices which the Chinese Reds had copied from their Russian mentors and were using to capture the minds of men and enslave them by repetitive indoctrination under duress.

UN Runs Korean War

Still, there was little comprehension or real understanding by the West of this wholly foreign and completely horrible thing. The Korean war was claiming the agonized attention of Americans. The conflict moved through its early stages to a series of brilliant victories looking to the defeat of the Reds by the United Nations forces under Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Then came disaster because MacArthur was not permitted to pursue the military advantage he had won, and continue his logical course to final, decisive victory.

This was the first war the United States lost because, as we have since learned from the testimony of our own generals and fighting men, the defeat was ordered by the UN who were giving the battle orders from the plush safety of their luxurious New York headquarters.

It was not until April 1953, however, that Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence

Agency, revealed that the Communists were applying the brainwashing techniques to American prisoners of war in Korea. Dulles warned the country that "It is not beyond the range of possibility that considerable numbers of our own boys there might be so indoctrinated, as to be induced, temporarily at least, to renounce country and family."

Reds Get U.S. Prisoners

The possibility was tested at the exchange of prisoners of war in Korea soon afterwards, with what tragic confirmation of Dulles' words as we now know. American soldiers did go over to the Reds. It was not a great number in comparison with the total who fought and were taken prisoner, but that even one American youth would repudiate country, home and family was a shocking new experience for the United States. And ever since, this has been a subject of continuous discussion, of study and worry, for something new and sinister has been added to warfare.

When we came to the end of the fighting in earlier wars, there was always an examination of tactics by military experts to see where we went wrong, and where strategy was misapplied. This was physical warfare, and it could be charted and studied and measured in easily understood terms.

Unfortunately, there are too many top men in our country today who are still thinking only in terms of physical warfare, and not enough who understand the tactics of brainwashing and how a delicate instrument like the mind can be made a malleable tool to be used against us in the hands of sinister men.

Brainwashing Study

Just as fortunately, though, Edward Hunter has spent the past three years studying the subject, and he has produced a veritable text book of case histories in a second volume "Brainwashing: The Story of the Men Who Defied It." Hunter defines brainwashing as "a system of bogging the brain so a person can be reduced to a state of

of what otherwise would be abhorrent to him."

He describes the means that are employed to achieve the desired complete submission and "confession." The means are hunger, fatigue, threats, violence and often drugs and hypnotism; and always, the endless, dreary lessons in political indoctrination.

In writing his anatomy of this monstrous new science of persecution and torture, Hunter interviewed dozens of men who resisted. Their stories are tragic and often inspiring. They should be told over and over to the policy-makers and law-makers in government, and to the public itself. But they should be studied with particular attention by the men of the United Nations, especially those who would like to receive Red China into their